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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Anatoly Vortman

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4 and 11-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3,5-10,19 and 20 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

The opening section of the specification (p.1) should include the heading:

“BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION”. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1, 2, 4, and 14-16, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a)(e) as being anticipated by US/6,483,699 to Salmonson et al., (Salmonson).

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Regarding claim 1, Salmonson disclosed (Fig. 2) a deflector (172) attachable to an electronic component card (130) and having a scoop (172A) for directing airflow over the card for cooling electronic components (160) mounted on the card (130).

Regarding claim 4, Salmonson disclosed a gripping member (any portion of the deflector (172) that can be gripped by hand) for attaching the deflector (172) to the card (130).

Regarding claims 2 and 11-13, the claims contain only functional recitations (i.e. that the deflector is movable with respect to the card and is attachable to various portions of the structure of the device), which are not supported by sufficient structure to warrant the presence of the functional language. The functional recitations of the claims have not been given patentable weight because they are narrative in form. In order to be given patentable weight, a functional recitation must be expressed as a "means" for performing the specified function, as set forth in 35 USC § 112, 6th paragraph, or must be supported by recitation in the claim of sufficient structure to warrant the presence of the functional language. *In re Fuller*, 1929 C.D. 172; 388 O.G. 279.

Regarding claims 14-16, the method steps recited in the claims (including attaching a plurality of deflectors (172) to the card (130) as shown on Fig. 2), are inherently necessitated by the device structure as disclosed by Salmonson.

4. Claims 17 and 18, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US/6,262,891 to Wickelmaier et al., (Wickelmaier).

Regarding claim 17, Wickelmaier disclosed (Fig. 1) an electronic components card (2) having electronic components (4) mounted thereon comprising: a deflector (19) having a gripping member (either a portion of deflector (19) positioned inside a hole (18) or just any

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other portion of the deflector (19) that can be gripped) for attaching the deflector (19) to the card (2) for directing cooling air over the card (2) for cooling the electronic components (4).

Regarding claim 18, the claim contains only functional recitation (i.e. that the deflector is movable with respect to the card), which is not supported by sufficient structure to warrant the presence of the functional language. The functional recitation of the claims has not been given patentable weight because it is narrative in form. In order to be given patentable weight, a functional recitation must be expressed as a "means" for performing the specified function, as set forth in 35 USC § 112, 6th paragraph, or must be supported by recitation in the claim of sufficient structure to warrant the presence of the functional language. *In re Fuller*, 1929 C.D. 172; 388 O.G. 279.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 3, 5-10, 19, and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

regarding claim 3, the claim recites: "the scoop extends... beyond the card edge";

regarding claims 5-10, claim 5 recites: "a channel for receiving the card";

regarding claim 19, the claim recites: "a scoop extending...beyond the edge of the card";

and,

regarding claim 20, the claim recites: "a channel" and "a hinge".

The aforementioned limitations in combination with all remaining limitations of the respective claims are believed to render the claims patentable over the art of record.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

US/6556438, 2003/0218862, 2003/0021088, 2002/0159232, 5428503, 4894749, 4399485, 2004/0100769, 5105336, 5282114, 5694294, 5892654, 5946190, 5914858, 6556440, 6058011, and 6111748 disclosed air cooling arrangements for electronic devices comprising circuit boards.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anatoly Vortman whose telephone number is 571-272-2047. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, between 10:00 am and 6:30 pm..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Darren Schuberg can be reached on 571-272-2800, ext 35. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR

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system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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